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SUBJ: PROPOSED JUNE 1976 BAGHDAD SOYBEAN MEAL SEMINAR

REF: SMITH TO KILLOUGH LETTER OF DEC. 29, 1975.

1. USINT HAS RECEIVED UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE REACTIONS FROM VARIOUS PARTIES WITH WHICH HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR PROPOSAL TO HOLD SEMINAR IN BAGHDAD NEXT JUNE TO DISCUSS USE OF US SOYBEAN MEAL IN POULTRY RATIONS.

2. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FORMAT AND SPONSORSHIP SHOULD BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION AND ONE OR POSSIBLY BOTH OF FOLLOWING IRAQI PARTIES: DR. HUSSAIN AL ANI, PRESIDENT, STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD), NAJI JAWAD BUILDING, SAADOON STREET, BAGHDAD AND DR. NESSIM RAGHEB HANNA, TECHNICAL EXPORT, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, STATE ORGANIZATION FOR CHEMICAL AND FOOD INDUSTRIES, CAMP SARAH KHATOON, UNCLASSIFIED

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BAGHDAD. LATTER IS US CITIZEN OF ARAB (EGYPTIAN)

ORIGIN WORKING AS ADVISER ON AGRIINDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
IN IRAQ. HAS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL
INTEREST IN SUPPORTING SOYBEAN SEMINAR. IF YOUR WILL
SEND US INFO COPIES OF YOUR EXPLORATORY CORRESPONDENCE
WITH THESE PERSONS, WE WILL BE GLAD TO FOLLOW UP AN
MAKE SURE YOUR INITIATIVES RECEIVE A RESPONSEX

3. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR INTEREST IN ASSIMILATING YOUR
PROGRAM IN IRAQ TO YOUR EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES
WHERE US AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES HAVE PLAYED LEADING
ROLE IN ORGANIZING PGGRAMS. AS YOUR RECALL FROM
YOUR VISIT LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, USINT HAS NOT AGATTACHE
AND, TO BE EFFECTIVE, USINT'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING YOUR
SEMINAR HAS TO BE LOW KEY. FOR THIS REASON HAVE
SUGGESTED THAT YOU MAKE YOUR PROPOSALS DIRECTLY AND
IN SOME DETAIL TO TWO PARTIES MENTIONED ABOVE. IF
THEIR MINISTRIES FIND YOUR PROPOSAL ATTRACTIVE, ALL
THE OTHER DETAILS (SITE, GUEST LIST, ETC) WILL
FALL INTO PLACE AUTOMATICALLY. WITHOUT THEIR
INTEREST, NOTHING IS LIKELY TO RESULT. (WE HAVE,
HOWEVER, RECEIVED NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS ABOUT
GUEST LIST).

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